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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Soviet Troops at the ZELTHAIN Troop Training Grounds

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1. Tank, artillery and infantry units totaling three thousand to four thousand troops were located in the main camp of the ZELTHAIN (N 52/E 81) troop training grounds on 20 June 1949. The troops concerned came from military posts in the areas of RIESA (N 52/E 81) and OSCHATZ (N 52/E 71).
2. A high unit headquarters from OSCHATZ was billeted in a small camp southeast of the RR station of JAKOBSTHAL (N 52/E 82).
3. About fifty flatcars were standing at the freight station of RIESA and an equal number at the RR station of ROLDERAU (N 52/E 81). About twenty-five flatcars were at the RR station of SEHHAUSEN (N 52/E 81).

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4. Comment:

a. According to previous information, component units of the 9th Tank Div have been practicing at the ZELTHAIN troop training grounds since mid-April 1949.

b. The "high unit headquarters" observed near the JAKOBSTHAL RR station is assumed to have been a regimental headquarters of the 9th Tank Div (possibly the Hq of the 23rd Tank Regt ?).

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